

SENATE BILL 3390

By Tate

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49;
Title 56 and Title 67, relative to health insurance
for students.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 2, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

Section 49-1-221.

(a) The department of education, in consultation with the department of health, shall establish minimum guidelines for health insurance coverage necessary for attendance in schools for grades kindergarten through twelve (K-12).

(b) Beginning in academic year 2009-2010 and each subsequent academic year, a student, or such student's parent or guardian, shall submit proof of health insurance in compliance with the provisions of this section prior to the beginning of classroom instruction for the academic year.

SECTION 2. The department of education shall promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the provisions of this act.

SECTION 3. If any provision of this act or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of the act which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to that end the provisions of this act are declared to be severable.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2008, the public welfare requiring it.